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Two men arrested for poaching after van found with guns, drugs and 'dead game' in it

Report by Henry James

TWO men have been arrested for poaching offences, possession of offensive weapons, and bladed articles and possession of Class A and Class B drugs after a vehicle was stopped by police.

Ormskirk and Rural West Lancashire Police posted on social media on Tuesday, March 29 about how the South Rural Taskforce had stopped a vehicle in suspicious circumstances around an area of protected wildlife on Monday, March 28.

Ormskirk and Rural West Lancs Police commented on Facebook: "South Rural Taskforce stopped a vehicle in suspicious circumstances around an area of protected wildlife.

"Officers stopped the vehicle and after a proactive search have located air rifles, weapons, drugs and evidence of poaching - dead game.

"Two males arrested for poaching offences, possession of offensive weapons, possession of bladed articles and possession of Class A and Class B drugs.

"We make no bones about this, we will absolutely continue to target anyone who commits rural crime and do everything in our power to protect our rural communities and its wildlife from harm and criminality."



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Rosie Cooper MP with Maureen Mills at the fracking meeting

MP still against fracking despite huge hikes in energy bills

WEST Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper has reaffirmed her position opposing any plans to apply for fracking permits in the UK, despite the recent big rises in energy prices.

There have been reports that the Government may consider allowing fracking again after the UK imposed sanctions prohibiting the import of Russian gas and oil.

Ms Cooper has campaigned against fracking, and publicly objected to an application for a fracking site in West Lancashire made to Lancashire County Council in 2019. The application, by fracking firm Aurora, was withdrawn in 2020.

Ms Cooper MP said: "The much-needed measures taken to halt

the UK's reliance on Russian oil and gas has led to questions around sourcing alternatives.

"However, I remain wholly against fracking and will oppose any further applications for fracking made in my constituency, as I have always done.

"In 2020 I welcomed Aurora's decision to withdraw their plans to frack in West Lancashire and I stand by my statement that there remains no evidence that fracking can be carried out safely in the UK.

"There is no doubt that the UK needs to take steps to secure alternative energy sources, but the solution cannot and should not be a method that has been shown to cause earthquakes."

Driving force behind creation of Queenscourt Hospice steps down

Report by Tom Martin

A LEADING figure behind the creation of Queenscourt Hospice, who has been described as the charity's 'driving force' is stepping down after 30 years of service.

Dr Karen Groves MBE revealed she is retiring from her role as Medical and Education Director after spending three decades working for the Town Lane-based hospice.

Dr Groves and her sister, Sarah, were the "inspiration and driving force" behind the creation of Queenscourt Hospice 30 years ago, when there were no real palliative care services in Southport.

Dr Groves said: "Just as when Queenscourt began, more than 30 years ago, when there were no real palliative care services in this area, we still need to try fill the gaps that exist for those who need us and we need to work out how best to do that, with the resources we have available.

"We hope that Queenscourt will continue to serve the people of West Lancs, Southport & Formby, their families and their health professionals for many years to come.

"That is of course dependent upon you, the people of this area, your financial contributions, your ongoing support, your volunteering, your prayers and good wishes, your continued recog-



Dr Groves receiving an honorary award from Edge Hill University

nition of the work that Queenscourt does, has done and will continue to do.

"Once again, thank you for all you do, in whatever way, on behalf of those who cannot thank you themselves." After qualifying as a medical doctor from Liverpool University in 1979, Dr Groves first identified the need for better end of life care after experiencing two particularly traumatic deaths in young women.

She went on to work as a GP in the Southport area for over 12 years and it was during this

time that she and her sister Sarah, a nurse, sought advice from Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the hospice movement in London.

On their return they inspired a small group of people to begin fundraising and after much hard work, planning permission for Queenscourt Hospice was granted in December 1988.

Mayor Cllr Maureen Fearn cut the first turf on March 14, 1990 and planted a copper beech tree which still grows to the left of the entrance to what is now the Terence Burgess Education Centre.

The hospice building was handed over on March 1, 1991 and the next two months were spent fitting it out ready for occupation. Queenscourt opened its Day Therapy and five inpatient beds on June 1, 1991 and later that year increased to a 10-bed ward.

The following year, Diana Princess of Wales officially opened Queenscourt. Dr Groves had been a volunteer doctor at the hospice for five years, while still working full time as a GP until she was appointed as Medical Officer in 1995.

In 1996, she became the first local consultant in Palliative Medicine; in 2012, Dr Groves was awarded an honorary degree from Edge Hill University and in 2014 received an MBE for Services to Palliative Care.

Call for residents to join Great British Spring Clean

RESIDENTS who want to help clean up litter in their community are being invited to join the council in supporting the Great British Spring Clean.

The campaign is now up and running until April 10 and research shows that helping a local litter pick benefits mental health as well as keeping streets and beauty spots clean.

If people organise a clean-up in West Lancashire, the Council can provide bin bags, litter pickers and a drop off point for the waste they collect. Please email environmental.enforcementofficers@west-lancs.gov.uk to make arrangements.

Bishop of Blackburn at Parbold church

THE BISHOP of Blackburn, The Rt Rev Julian Henderson, confirmed 23 candidates into the Church of England at Christ Church, Parbold, on Wednesday March 29.

The candidates were from Christ Church and sister church All Saints Appley Bridge, and featured 19 young people from All Saints CofE Primary School, one adult from All Saints', and one young person and two adults from Christ Church Parbold.

Those choosing to be confirmed were reminded by the Bishop of the promises made at their baptism, and they endorsed the choice that was made for them with their own prayers and promises.

Bishop Julian also preached at the service.

Lessons were read by Janet Dunn, headteacher of All Saints' School and Ian Hunter teaching assistant at the school and also churchwarden at Appley Bridge All Saints' Church.



The Bishop of Blackburn, centre, and Lay Minister Diane Green, left, with the confirmation candidates in church during the service

Newly confirmed children from the school led the congregation's prayers.

The children were prepared for confirmation by parish priest the Rev Sue Timmins and Lay Minister Diane Green.

Music and worship was conducted by musicians from Christ Church and All Saints.'

All those confirmed were presented with a Bible and a certificate of confirmation.

Following the service, the con-

gregation was supplied with refreshments provided by the Christ Church family.

Vicar the Rev Sue Timmins said: "It was a wonderful joyful service" while Diane Green added: "It's been three years since we were last able to hold a big indoor confirmation service because of the pandemic, and it was a joy to be able to celebrate with so many of the candidates' families and with our church family too."



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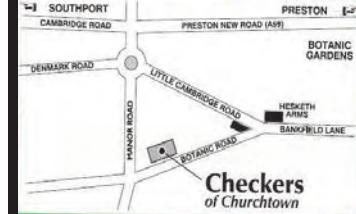


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'Autism hour' held at barbers helps children get haircut

Report by Henry James



A BURSCOUGH barbers held an 'autism hour' to help children on the autistic spectrum reduce their anxiety while having their hair cut.

The Grooming Guru's Gents Hair Salon, on Liverpool Road North, introduced the initiative - which also aims to help youngsters with other special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) - for such children to have their hair cut in a quiet, calm, and patient environment.

It was particularly relevant last week due to World Autism Acceptance Week (March 28 – April 3).

With more than 20 years' experience as professional hair stylists, Karl and Paula Hunter, the husband-and-wife team who own the salon, opened in 2002 and introduced their Autism Hour in 2018.

They developed the idea after receiving an enquiry from the parent of an autistic child whose son found visiting the barbers a challenging experience.

After discussing how best to minimise the family's anxiety, Karl and Paula opened their salon early on a Sunday morning, when there were no other clients present, and slowly introduced the processes and tools involved in hairdressing until the child felt comfortable having his haircut.

Karl said: "It doesn't matter how long it takes; we just want to build trust and bond with a client. Seeing how relieved and happy the child's family is after a successful visit is incredibly rewarding."

Word spread and families with children on the



Ryan Dunphy said the 'autism hour' is a great help to his son Zach and (inset) owners Karl and Paula Hunter

autistic spectrum now travel from as far as North Wales to have their hair cut at the salon.

Parent, Ryan Dunphy, said: "I've been taking my severely autistic son here for years. Paula and Karl go out of their way every single time to make sure he has the calm environment that he needs."

"They've closed the shop and shut the blinds, come in early and stayed behind late, all to give my little boy a haircut. They are fantastic human beings and brilliant barbers."



Michael Dawson (left) and Lawrence Critchley holding the original 1943 HMS Ringtail Ensign flag, which Michael was lucky to find and buy last October

Book tells more about history of HMS Ringtail

Follow-up work tells of its days as wartime and air station up to it being a retail park

Report by Henry James

A SECOND book has been written about the former naval air station, HMS Ringtail, in Burscough.

The book is called HMS Ringtail, Royal Navy Air Squadron Burscough, Ringtail-Retail and it has been written by Lawrence Critchley and Michael Dawson who wrote HMS Ringtail A Pearl Under the Clouds in 2019.

The book is packed with colour illustrations and stories from its role in the Second World War when it was an active naval air station.

It continues through the decades right up to the present day and the new Ringtail Retail Park.

The book explains how from 1943 to 1946, "the population of Burscough village increased by thousands as the Fleet Air Arm built a naval air station



on the outskirts of the village." Mr Dawson said that it tells of how "for three eventful years, 650 acres of former farm land hosted almost every type of naval aircraft."

HMS Ringtail was commissioned on September 1 1943 and while it was in operation more than 40 squadrons were attached for short periods for "working up to operational standard, aircraft type conversion or disembarking from aircraft carriers in the River Mersey."

The book also contains stories from the old Naval Camp in the 1950s when it was used to accommodate families.

The navy gave up the station in

1957 and the airfield changed back to agriculture.

There is also information about the Barracuda Parachute Display Team in the early 1980s, 2013s Battle of the Atlantic Celebration, the core collection of the Navy Wings aircraft, the Booths superstore and development and how Ringtail is remembered today, plus much more.

The book costs £18.50 (+£3 p&p if required). Call 07795 578025 to arrange collection or pay by bank transfer, or email wilsonmiley@live.co.uk.

Staff parking charges reintroduced at Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals

STAFF parking charges have been reintroduced at Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals after Government funding which supported free staff parking ended on March 31.

Free car parking for staff and visitors was introduced in April 2020 as part of the Government's Covid-19 support measures. Free parking for visitors ended in December 2020.

In line with the latest Govt

guidance, the Trust doesn't charge staff who are registered disabled and those who work nights.

Health secretary Sajid Javid has said: "On behalf of the Government, I would like to record my thanks to everyone who has worked tirelessly to keep people safe over the last two years and whose efforts have enabled us to move to the next stage of the Covid-19 response."

"The Government will continue to work together with our partners to keep all of these measures under review."

However, the decision has not been met favourably with the unions. Rachel Harrison, GMB National Officer, said: "Health workers are on their knees following a two-year pandemic – they need help and support, not being repeatedly kicked when they are down by the Government."

Seventh man charged with conspiracy to commit murder of Christopher Hughes

A SEVENTH man has been charged with conspiracy to commit the murder of Christopher Hughes who was found dead in Skelmersdale.

Adrius Uzkuraitis, 26, of Holly Road, Wigan, has been remanded in custody and was due to appear at Wigan Magistrates Court on Tuesday April 5.

Wigan man Christopher Hughes, 37, was found dead off White Moss Road South in Skelmersdale on Tuesday Feb-

ruary 22. A post mortem concluded he died as a result of multiple serious injuries.

Last month five men were charged with conspiracy to commit the murder. Alan Jaf, 51, of Ridyard Street, Wigan; Khalil Awla, 48, of Greenwood Avenue, Wigan; Erland Spahi, 33, of Uppingham, Skelmersdale; Curtis Balbas, 30, of Matheson Drive, Wigan and Dean Smeaton O'Neill-Davey, 29, of Bulteel Street,

Wigan all appeared at Manchester Magistrates' Court on Saturday, March 5 and have been remanded in custody until their next hearing at Manchester Crown Court on April 8.

A sixth man was also charged with conspiracy to commit the murder. Mohammed Razgar, 40, of Plane Avenue, Wigan, has been remanded in custody pending an appearance before a Bolton Crown Court judge on April 8.

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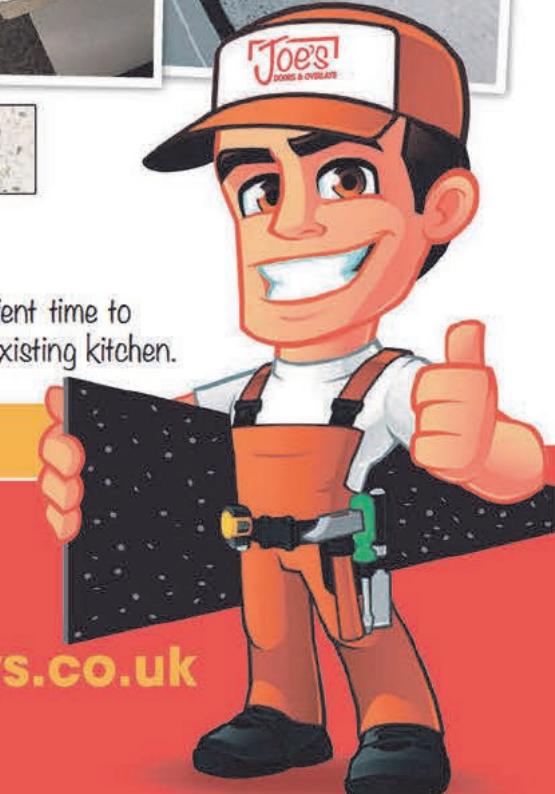
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Police officer who had secret sexual relationship with rape victim is jailed for three years

Report by Lynda Roughley

A POLICE constable from Parbold who formed a secret sexual relationship with a vulnerable rape victim and later tried to thwart a police raid on her home, was jailed for three years on Monday, April 4.

A Judge told Simon Rose, 48, that he had let down his colleagues and the general public.

"You have breached not only the trust of your colleagues, people who saw you as a friend, but the trust the public expect and are entitled to have in police officers," said Judge David Swinnerton.

Judge Swinnerton told Rose, who had been an officer with Greater Manchester Police since 2007, that victims of sexual abuse feel under great pressure about reporting matters to the authorities.

Rose, of Burnside, had been convicted of misconduct in public office and attempting to pervert the course of justice after a nine day trial in January.

The judge said Rose admitted in cross-examination that forming a sexual or emotional relationship with the victim was entirely wrong.

The judge pointed out that the defendant had carried out the clandestine relationship "behind your partner's back and behind your colleagues backs."

Liverpool Crown Court heard that when a search warrant for firearms was to be executed at her home Rose, who genuinely believed it was a fruitless mission, asked colleagues to ignore anything they might find.

Judge Swinnerton said he accepted his motivation was to cover up his "own shameful secret."

But he added that Rose "had been prepared to comprise his colleagues" to prevent it coming out.

Vanessa Thomson, prosecuting, said Rose had been attached to the Salford division of GMP and was "a highly respected, outgoing police officer."

He met the woman in May 2012 in his role as a specially trained officer involved in dealing with rape and sexual assault allegations. She alleged

she had been raped at knifepoint after being taken away in a vehicle by two men though the case later did not proceed.

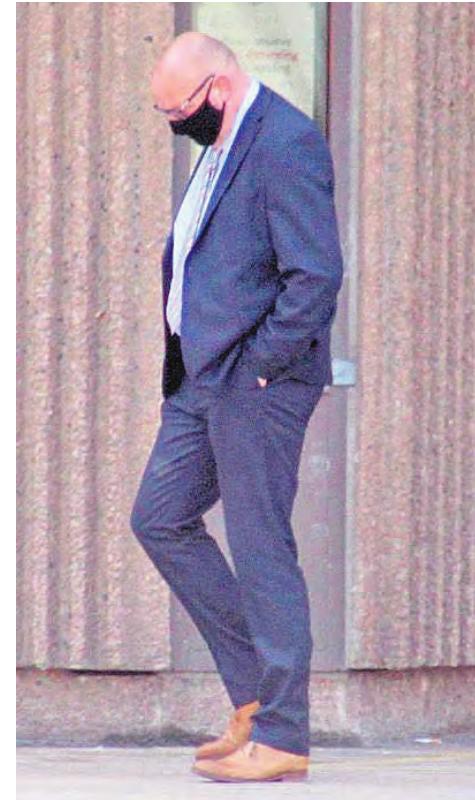
Their relationship endured for a number of years and was hidden from his colleagues until October 2019 when her name came under the spotlight in respect of a lawful execution of a search warrant at her home, said Miss Thomson.

After his behaviour came to light and the woman was interviewed she told how their relationship became sexual a few months after their first meeting and they had sex on three or four occasions.

The woman told how she had had strong feelings for Rose and that he had discussed them being together even though he had a partner. When she embarked on a new relationship, her relationship with Rose turned to close friendship which lasted for a number of years.

Sarah Barlow, defending, said that the couple's relationship had been "a genuine friendship" but she did not dispute the victim's distress.

The court heard that he has lost his relationship with his partner as well as his job.



PC Simon Rose.

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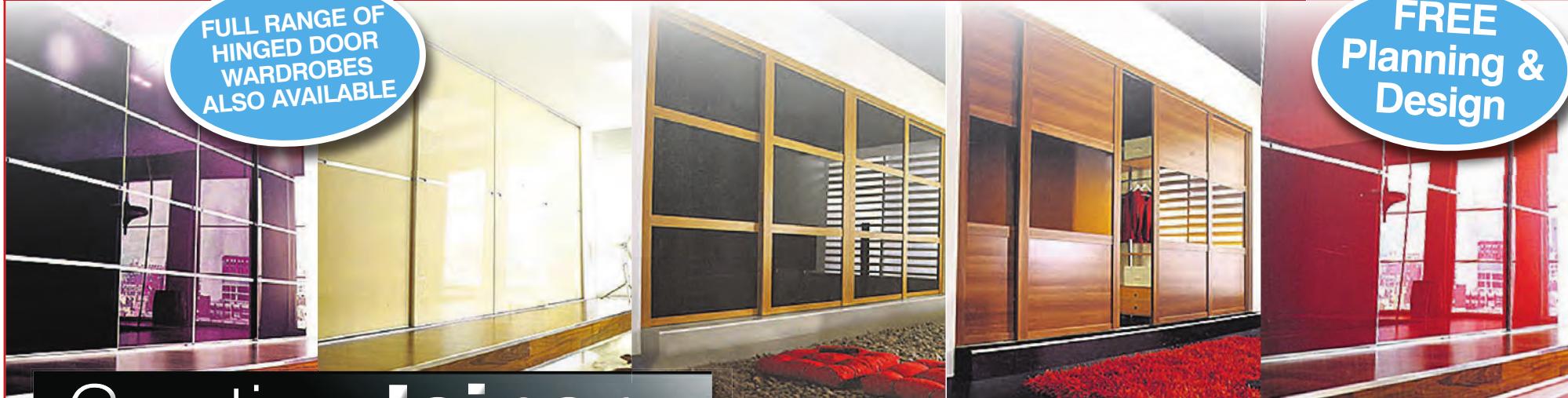


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Carol Ashurst with the award

'Puppy raiser' for Guide Dogs given award

Report by **Henry James**

A 'PUPPY raiser' and trading secretary for the Ormskirk Volunteer Fundraising Group for Guide Dogs has received an award.

Carol Ashurst has been given the Puppy Raising award in gratitude for taking care of four puppies in just over four years.

Guide dog puppy raisers provide a puppy with the vital foundation for its future role as a guide dog.

The charity describes it as a rewarding, full-time volunteering opportunity, and those who enroll will raise a puppy at home for around 12-16 months.

Carol said: "My older current puppy is a 13 month old Slater Labrador Cross Retriever. The puppy is going into advanced training on April 11. So I now also have 13 week old Guide Dog puppy Terry to start training and socialising this year."

For more information on the Guide Dogs, visit the website: www.guidedogs.org.uk

New Deputy Lieutenant for Lancashire appointed

A NEW Deputy Lieutenant of the County has been revealed in the form of Louise Cooper BEM.

Mrs Cooper of Haslingden, Rossendale, has been involved with Scouting for the last 35 years and is currently the District Commissioner for Rossendale.

Since 2014, she has also been a Trustee for the community charity, Kids in Rossendale, raising

money for underprivileged children.

In 2020, Mrs Cooper was awarded the British Empire Medal in The Queen's Birthday Honours List for her services to children and young people in Rossendale.

Mrs Cooper will join the existing team of Deputies who help and support the Lord-Lieutenant in his duties as Her Majesty The Queen's representative in the county of Lancashire.

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Disabled gymnasts hoping to travel to international comp

Report by Henry James

SPARTAC, a club for gymnasts with a disability based at Edge Hill University, is raising funds to enable their gymnasts to represent Great Britain again at the 2023 World Gymnaestrada in Amsterdam, plus national festivals and competitions.

Currently, the team comprises of 20 gymnasts whose ages range from 6 to 44 years, many of whom have been members of Spartac since its inception.

There are currently four mainstream gymnasts in the squad, and they hope to maintain this level of inclusion.

World Gymnaestradas are held every four years and have more participants than the Olympic games, approximately 23,000 mainstream gymnasts, from all over the world.

Spartac is one of only a small number of teams to include gymnasts with a disability.

Amanda Brooks, welfare officer at Spartac Gymnastics Club said: "Unfortunately, the costs of these events are much higher than for most of the other teams.

"Due to the range of disabilities within the group, there is a need for a high level of support to enable our gymnasts to participate. In addition, where the gym-



Members of Spartac

nasts would normally have four years to prepare and fundraise, due to Covid that four years has been cut down to 18 months.

"The benefits to the gymnasts at Spartac are enormous. For many of them the friendships built in the gym forms a huge part of their social life both within Spartac and in the wider world.

The group will be holding a static bike ride at Jack Parker Cycles in Burscough on Saturday, April 23 and on Saturday, April 30 they will be holding a sponsored walk.

To sponsor the club visit www.justgiving.com/campaign/roadToAmsterdam

Meet the donkey at Palm Sunday parade!

CHILDREN and their parents are invited to meet the donkey featuring in Rufford and Tarleton villages' Palm Sunday parades this weekend. The donkey will be

outside St Mary's Church from 8.50am to 9.25am on April 10 and can then be seen around Tarleton Holy Trinity Church grounds between 10.15am and

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I'm proud to be part of a nation that is standing up to a bully

The letter by Tom Palin regarding the incoherent and provocative nature of NATO has many truths.

For example: authoritarian China has raised out of poverty more people than live in the whole of Europe.

NATO has been criticised by a number of state leaders, Macron and Trump included.

Moreover, some countries previously within the orbit of the USSR are now members of NATO.

All these things are true.

It might be that NATO is a war maker.

It could not be said that NATO has been a resounding success in its interventions of late, however.

It could be said that in defending NATO countries from other states, it has been totally successful.

A few adults, leaders among them will use the invasion by Russia of Ukraine to justify the supremacy of a political view, regardless of the cost to humanity.

When we see a child or animal in distress we are moved by some primeval instinct to assist. What Kropotkin termed 'mutual aid'.

As a boy I understood what bullying was, long before I knew of monarchy, communism, democracy or any other archy, ism, or ocracy.

A child brought up in a loving family and a protective community is instinctively sympathetic for the bullied child and not the bully.

As a child I knew that intervention on the part of the victim would almost certainly end in pain.

So, although a few people will consider the needs of Russia and others the needs of NATO, uppermost in the minds of the majority are the needs of the victim, Ukraine.

That majority will be reacting to the war like a child seeing a bully attack another child.

That majority has a gut feel borne out of evolutionary survival that the Russian invasion of Ukraine is just plain wrong.

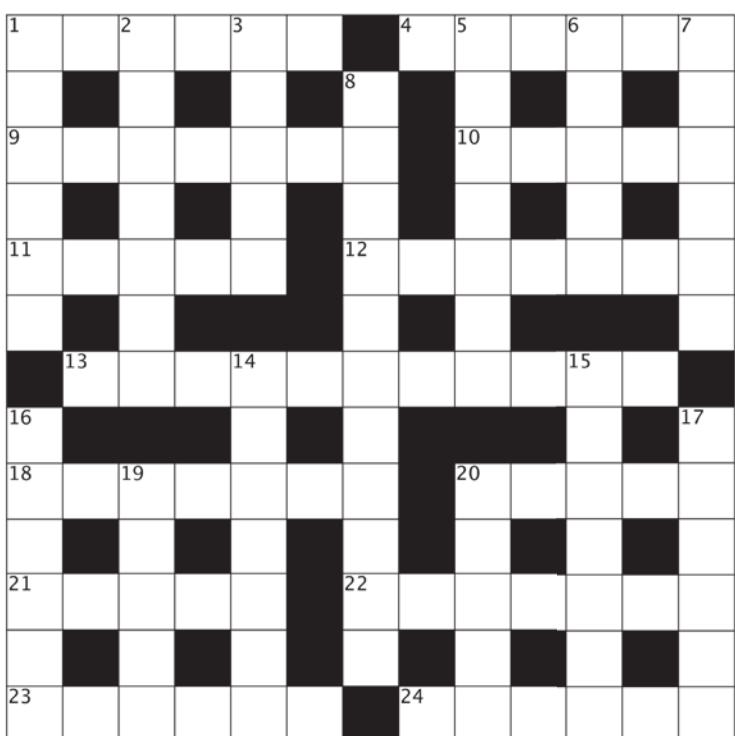
Russia's war against Ukraine is devoid of kindness and like a law of nature, help from individuals, communities and states both inside and outside of NATO is pouring in to fill that vacuum.

Finally as an adult I am proud to be part of a nation state that is standing up to a bully and prepared to accept the pain that will come with it.

Trevor Jones,
Maghull

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Week 14.2022



ACROSS

- Interval of eight notes (6)
- Breakfast table item (3,3)
- Burial or cremation ceremony (7)
- Member of a jury (5)
- Lift up (5)
- East European country. Capital Kyiv (7)
- Farming (11)
- Meteorological report (7)
- Herb used in pesto (5)
- Slow speech with prolonged vowels (5)
- Mythical horned horse (7)
- Peoples that wander from place to place (6)
- Causing or likely to cause death (6)

DOWN

- An English university city (6)
- Making leather (7)
- Jules ___, author of Around The World in 80 Days (5)
- Large state of north west India (7)
- Breed of dog favoured by Elizabeth II (5)
- Lady Penelope's driver (6)
- Largest city of New Mexico (11)
- Breathed in (7)
- Reply or answer (7)
- Scandinavian country (6)
- Heavy and old fashioned (6)
- Sound noise or signal to warn of danger (5)
- Cloth used on snooker tables (5)

WORDSEARCH

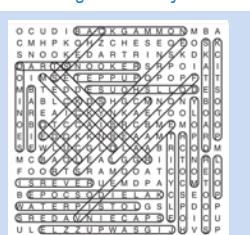
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If you have enjoyed these puzzles, and would like to exercise your brain further, check out The Wheatear Book of Crosswords and The Wheatear Book of Word Searches.

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Last Week's Solutions

Parbold Hill lights give plenty of time to admire the view!

Has anyone been over Parbold Hill recently?

There has been plenty of time to admire the splendid views over the South West Lancashire Plain - thanks to Electricity North West which has installed two-way traffic lights to facilitate its maintenance works!

When the works began, aghast Parbold residents wondered if this was the start of the threatened reopening of the landfill site!

Widespread relief then, when it turned out to be the electricity network operator!

As a feeder to the M6, the A5209 is a very busy road with 1,400 vehicles an hour recorded using the hill.

So you can imagine the congestion these lights are creating during the rush hour!

As a regular user, my record wait so far, is 20 minutes in a queue stretching back down the steep hill to Parbold village.

Great for practicing your hill start. There's a buzz of excitement each time the lights change.

Backward slippage on a steep hill? Will I take off smoothly, avoiding contact with the bumper behind? Will the lorry in front, struggling for traction, slide backwards and take me with it?

The works have reached the part of the hill where, if the proposed landfill goes ahead, members of the Lancashire County Council Planning Committee suggested that traffic lights be installed permanently to control HGVs in and out of the site.

What a recipe for disaster: stationary traffic, heavy goods vehicles, 14% gradient, ice and snow, parking for a popular beauty spot, cyclists, walkers, and ... a restaurant!

Look and learn LCC! As a permanent feature this is a non-starter.

Surely you are not still considering Parbold Hill as a suitable landfill site?

Penny Walker,
Parbold

Pavement parking clampdown would encourage walking

To whom it may concern.

With reference to various articles recently, the best way to be of assistance to and to encourage cycling and walking, in particular, would be to properly enforce speed limits in urban areas and stop all parking on the pavements, thus forcing pedestrians onto the roads where the traffic is speeding.

As a walker myself, I've seen so many instances of mothers with small children and prams having to walk in the busy roads because there's no room on the pavement.

And it's no use asking people to move their vehicles, all you get is abuse.

John McCormick,
Aughton

Too much pressure being put on A&E

I recently had to dial 999 for my husband who became ill quite suddenly.

I was told that I would have to wait seven hours for an ambulance and would be better taking him myself if I could.

That in itself is very worrying.

On arriving at A&E it was standing room only and you were seen in the order you arrived.

We waited six hours to see a doctor.

My husband was admitted and remains in hospital.

The experience of sitting or standing in A&E was one I hope I never have to go through again.

I can't help but think that if GP surgeries would open up like the rest of the country has, we wouldn't be seeing this enormous amount of pressure put on hospitals and in particular A&E. The staff were run ragged.

If dentists can open up then why are GP surgeries still keeping their doors firmly closed?

I feel quite sure that many of the people sat in A&E on that day, March 21, would have chosen to visit their GP had they been able.

My own GP surgery in Marshside has been wonderful all through the pandemic but I know that isn't the case for many.

This situation needs to be addressed urgently.

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Martin Mere news

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Our Black Swan pair are both seven years old but were only paired up two years ago. In captivity these birds could reach the ripe old age of forty. Last year they also produced three cygnets, which have since been moved on to other collections.

In the wild, Black Swan cygnets will stay with their parents until they are around nine months old. At this point, the adults will drive them out of their territory in order that they can get peace and quiet to have another family. The youngsters will eventually find their own territories.

These timescales are usually shorter among captive Black Swans and it may be as little as five months before we see some aggressive behaviour

from the adults towards their young, trying to drive them away. Once we see this behaviour, the young birds will be taken out of the enclosure and we will find new homes for them. The Black Swan is a very popular captive bird and so we never have any problems finding good new homes for them.

When swimming, black swans hold their necks arched or erect and often carry their feathers or wings raised in an aggressive display. With our pair at Martin Mere, this behaviour is very apparent at the moment, as the male, especially, feels the need to protect his young from other birds and our visitors.

The black swan calls with a bugle-like sound, and also has a range of softer notes. At the moment, you may also hear them whistle which is a sound they make particularly during the breeding season.

It's a great time of year to come and see these swans, especially as the cygnets are so photogenic; they are certainly not ugly ducklings! For more information about all the activities happening over the Easter holidays please visit www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere



New Break Time Fun Club launched at Rainbow Hub

RAINBOW Hub has been appointed one of the Lancashire Break Time fun club providers for 2022.

The Mawdesley-based charity will provide a range of activities for eligible children and young people from across Lancashire between five and 16 years who have already registered and have a unique identifier.

Well-known for their range of services for children with physical and neurological disabilities, the highly experienced team are trained to work with children with additional needs and are delivering the first programme of Lancashire Break Time Fun Club this week to Friday (April 8) running from 10am to 4pm each day.

Activities include Summer Olympics – yoga, trampolining, races and more – films, music and movement, talent show, indoor teddy bears picnic, baking, a Cedar Farm day trip and Easter treats



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including arts and crafts, egg decorating and an Easter egg hunt.

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Partnership setting up group for residents hosting families

ORMSKIRK Community Partnership has been contacted by a resident who has registered on the government scheme to host a family from Ukraine, and she wants to find other people in the L39 postcode area who have also offered places.

The Partnership is now appealing for other people in and around Ormskirk who have registered so they can be put in touch with each other to share information and their experience.

OCP volunteer Bryan Pready said: "The aim is that residents who host families from Ukraine can work together and provide help and support to the Ukrainian families that come to Ormskirk.

"This is new for everyone, so we all have a lot to learn."



Ormskirk Community Partnership are looking for residents who have taken in Ukrainian families who are fleeing the war

"Some people have contacted OCP as a result of an announcement on our Facebook page, Ormskirk Community Partnership, but we think that there are many more that have registered.

"If you are one of those who has registered with the government to offer a home to Ukrainians and would like to join the group, please email us at enquiries@ormskirkcp.org.uk"

Friends climbed Snowden in high heels for Ukraine refugees

A LANCASHIRE County Council worker and two friends who braved the pain of climbing Snowden in high heeled boots have raised thousands of pounds to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

Slawka Kluszczynska-Stepien, who works as a family group conference co-ordinator for the council, was part of a group of women who took on the highest mountain in Wales after feeling compelled to act in response to Russian forces launching a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Slawka and two others climbed to the top of the mountain in their heels, accompanied by two others wearing normal hiking boots and carrying food supplies.

The women, who all live in Lancashire and originate from Poland, all safely completed the climb and have so far raised more than £3,600.

Slawka said: "We can still remember living behind the iron curtain and being unable to have freedom of speech and freedom of movement.

"We don't want this for Ukrainians or the rest of Europe. We felt that challenging ourselves to hike up Snowden in heels, could help.

"My hometown is only 140 miles away from the Ukrainian border, so this conflict is very close to home."



From left: Ania Kwiecinska, Agata Reliszka, Agnieszka Nowak-Hek, Slawka Kluszczynska-Stepien and Zofia Szarek and, right: the trio walking in their high heels

All collected funds will go directly to the Polish Humanitarian Action, a Poland-based charity that currently works on the Polish/Ukrainian border and provides immediate help to all refugees from Ukraine including blankets, hot food, drinks, toiletries and medical support.



Emma from Tanhouse contacted 111 to put her mind at ease.

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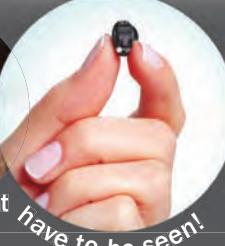
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Research sheds light on woman who inspired teaching reform

RESEARCH at Edge Hill University has shed new light on a notable trail-blazing woman of the 20th century, and former student, who inspired major education reform in Liverpool.



Jessie Reid Crosbie

tion, shaping her teaching career.

Soon after the end of the First World War in 1918, Jessie became headmistress at a Liverpool at a time of widespread poverty and hunger.

Free milk and baths

She initiated a free milk scheme at her school and would give her pupils a cup of hot cocoa in the morning.

She also instituted the first school bath-house system in the country, which meant that 30 of her schoolchildren each day were given baths and went home clean.

Jessie remained headmistress at Salisbury Street for more than 25 years and was awarded an MBE in 1933.

She passed away aged 85 in January 1962, leaving behind her a lasting legacy to inspire future generations of teachers.

In 1895, Jessie enrolled as a student at Edge Hill College, Liverpool.

More than 125 years since she studied at the college, Alyson Brown, history professor, has delved into the university's archive to uncover records on Jessie's time as a student, and her long association with the institu-

Health chiefs calling on more parents to get their 12-to-15-year-olds vaccinated

THE NHS in the North West has given a second Covid-19 vaccination to more than half of eligible 12-15 year olds to help protect them from the effects of coronavirus and health chiefs are urging parents to keep bringing their children forward to be vaccinated.

More than 93,600 young people – 53.2% of those who had their first dose before Christmas – have had their second dose at school or a community vaccination site during the first three months of this year.

Vaccination teams have been



Dylan Gibson from Skelmersdale has received a Covid vaccination Covid-19 test result – whichever is later. If children miss their Covid-19 vaccination for any reason, they will be able to have it at a later date. Find out more at nhs.uk

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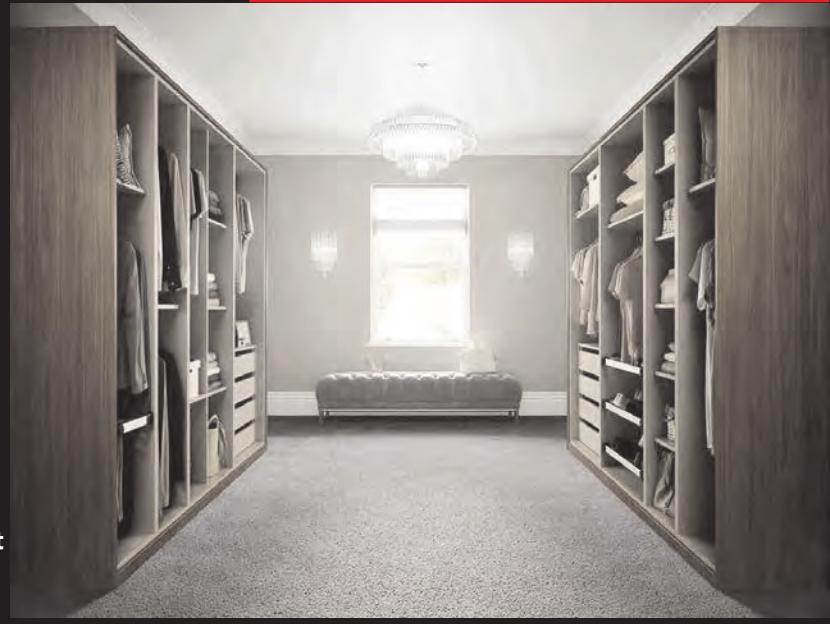


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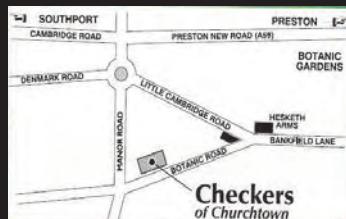
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Left, Sarah Jane Whiteside, Brookfield Park School headteacher and schoolchildren; and right: Midstream teacher Nicola Dilworth and LSA Karen Poulter with pupils at the drop-off point

Parents urged to use new school uniform recycling scheme

By Henry James

STUDENTS on Midstream's Pathways to Adulthood programme in Skelmersdale are urging parents from Brookfield Park Primary School to 'choose to re-use' with their new school uniform recycling enterprise 'Re-Uniform.'

Midstream are working in partnership with the school and their families, who are being encouraged to donate any school uniform that has been outgrown or is no longer needed.

Students from Midstream will then collect the pre-loved uniforms from school, launder and prepare them for re-sale. After a rigorous quality assurance check, the uniforms will then be re-sold upon request at a small cost.

Nicola Dilworth, a teacher on the Pathways to Adulthood programme, said: "Parents often have lots of uniform that may no longer fit their children but is still in perfectly good condition.

"After some initial research, I realised that this would be a great opportunity for our students to develop important life skills whilst reducing the impact that wasted uniform can have on the environment.

"We are pleased to be working with Brookfield Park Primary School on an initiative that will be rewarding for all involved."

Headteacher Sarah-Jane Whiteside, said: "It is important to us that our children look and feel like part of a school family and a smart uniform plays a crucial role.

"I am, however, aware of the implications of rising costs for families and as a school we are keen to find solutions to this issue, along with a passion to find a way to make school uniforms more sustainable for the planet.

"I was therefore delighted to support the idea of 'Re-Uniform' as an enterprise for the students at Midstream. We have worked with Midstream for many years and have no doubts that this project will be a great success."

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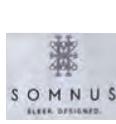
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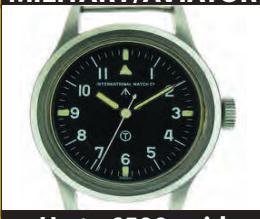
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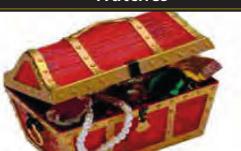


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Charnock Richard 2
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CHARNOCK Richard started Saturday as one of the two teams who could deny Skelmersdale United their place in the play-offs, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

To stand any chance they had to defeat Burscough and that did not prove easy to achieve.

Brad Carsley put a shot wide early on, then teenage keeper Mason parried away another effort.

Just after the quarter hour

mark Carsley put in a particularly powerful shot that smashed against the crossbar before being cleared.

Burscough were forced to succumb on 19 minutes when experienced striker Carl Grimshaw was threaded through the Linnets' backline by Ashley Young and fired past Mason from the edge of the penalty area.

The game opened up after half-time although Charnock Richard needed the second goal to retain their hopes, Burscough were not

going to end their season with a weak defeat.

Burscough equalised on 69 minutes when Denson fired a 25 yard free-kick into the top corner from 25 yards.

Ten minutes from the end it was Charnock Richard who bagged the winner and it was talisman striker Grimshaw who got the winner, heading home off a Jack Gooden cross.

That is the end of Burscough's season and after a poor start and a change of manager they have earned a seventh place finish.

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Skelmersdale United players and coaching staff celebrate together after securing second spot in the North West Counties League Premier Division. Pictures by Elliott Southwell and Gordon Johnson

Skem overcome the odds to clinch place in play-offs

Promotion dream still alive after dramatic final day

Skelmersdale United 2
Lower Breck 0

SKELMERSDALE United overcame the odds to finish second in the league and seal that all important play-off position in the final game of the season against Lower Breck, writes Kevin Panther.

Last Saturday's win means the promotion dream is still alive, with Skem set to compete in a play-off clash later this month. The opposition and date is yet to be confirmed.

The fate of second place was unexpectedly in Skem's hands going into the match after challengers Wythenshawe Town suffered a shock midweek defeat at Northwich Victoria.

In front of a bumper crowd at the JMO Sports Park, it was the away side who had the first chance just seconds into the game with a shot on target, but they were unable to beat United goalkeeper Skipper Ben Barnes.

Chances were plentiful in the first half, with both sides testing each other, and Skem had Barnes to thank after a superb save from a point-blank shot.

The home side eventually broke the deadlock after 35 minutes when Alex Griffiths went on a superb



Match winner Elliott Morris chases down the ball for Skem.

Referee Justin Walton blew the final whistle and there were joyous scenes.

Manager Paul McNally said: "We have made hard work of it in the last few weeks, it is only a job half done as we now face a play-off match."

"As yet we do not know who we will be up against but you can be rest assured we will be doing all we can to get the promotion that our performances this season has deserved".

Linnets finish seventh after defeat at Charnock Richard

Nurse's 'huge honour'

A NURSE from Burscough has been named the Oncology Nurse of the Year at an awards evening.

Sophie Needham said it was a 'huge honour' after she was recognised at the recent British Journal Nursing Awards.

The 36 year old has worked at Southport Hospital for two and half years - and has been a nurse for 14 years.

She said: "It was such an honour just to be recognised. There were three other candidates and one with more than 37 years in cancer nursing! It was an honour to represent a district general hospital such as Southport and highlight the fantastic work the Acute oncology team.

"To win such a prestigious award so early

on in my oncology nursing career is such a huge compliment and inspires me to continue working hard to help those living with cancer and beyond."

When asked for the reasons for her nomination and award win, Sophie said: "We created a mnemonic tool using the word SPINE to prompt practitioners in the management for patients diagnosed with metastatic spinal cord compression (MSCC).

"MSCC affects patients with metastatic cancer in the spine, it is an oncological emergency and can cause irreversible paralysis. This tool has proven to improve patient care, by ensuring that national guidance is followed correctly."



Sophie (right) with her award and fellow oncology nurse Julie Marshall

Marketing student secures dream career

AN EDGE Hill University student from Maghull, who impressed her work placement bosses so much that they've already offered her a full-time role, has now been rewarded with a scholarship.

Third-year Marketing with Digital Communications student Anna Bolger has received a £1,000 On-Course Excellence Scholarship after being nominated by her tutor and work-related learning co-ordinator.

It recognises Anna's personal development and the role she's playing in the growth of Morgan Branding, a digital agency in Warrington that works for both big names and start-ups.

Her love of Instagram and Tik Tok, and her creativity in using the channels, has improved and expanded Morgan Branding's social media reach and engagement.



Anna Bolger

West Lancashire residents are rated kindest in the county, says new survey

THE borough has been rated as the highest in an index which analyses the kindness levels in Lancashire, based on the number of charities per 100,000 people, percentage of recycled waste and the happiness of residents in each local authority.

West Lancashire has the highest recycling rates and the most charities per person and also boasts one of the highest happiness scores.

The research, by care experts Guardian Carers, used ONS data and the government's Register of Charities to explore the figures to discover which areas are the 'most caring.'

South Ribble is the second most caring area of Lancashire, followed by Chorley.

A spokesperson for Guardian

Carers said: "This data offers us a compelling insight into which areas of Lancashire dominate when it comes to kindness in terms of charity support, environmental awareness and happiness ratings, which are a key indicator of collective wellbeing and community support."

Sky-high happiness scores

"Areas such as West Lancashire, South Ribble and Chorley are excellent examples of communities which promote caring for others through charity work and being conscientious about the environment and their local surroundings and this may well be the reason for their sky-high happiness scores."

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Passed away peacefully in hospital. aged 89 years

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NORMAN**

25th March 2022
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**LAWRENCE
JOHN**

24th March 2022
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Funeral service at St Richards RC Church, Skelmersdale on Thursday 14th April 2022 at 1:00pm followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium.

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**RICHMAN
MARIE**

From Ormskirk
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Funeral service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 13th April at 11:00am.

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DEATHS

**GASKELL
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Family flowers only but donations are being gratefully received by Alzheimer's Research uk.

Further enquiries to Cookson Tyer FuneralCare, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, L40 5UU
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DEATHS

**WRIGHT
JENNIFER
DOROTHY**

Suddenly on 15th March 2022 aged 70 years

Dearly beloved Wife of Eric Wright. Much loved Mum of Lisa and Catherine. Dear Nan of Jessica, Louise, Matty, Daisy and Mary. Jennifer will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all her family and friends.

The funeral service and committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium Thursday 14th April at 1pm.

Donations will be gratefully received for British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research UK.

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**BRADSHAW
ELIZABETH**

30th March 2022
Passed away
unexpectedly at home
aged 92 years

Devoted Wife of the late William (Bill) Bradshaw. Caring and much loved Mum to Susan and partner Steve, David and Wife Maureen. Loving Nana to Rachel, Keith and Rebecca, Victoria, Tom and Richard, Proud Great Nana to Chloé, David and Nathan, Mathew, Michael, Nathan and baby Olivia. Sadly missed by family and all that knew her.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday 13th April at 3pm, at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only, Donations to R.N.L.I All enquiries to Hardmans Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122 / 720012

**JUMP
WILLIAM
(BILL)
HERBERT**

After a short illness on 30th March 2022, aged 89 years.

Dearly beloved husband of the late Olive. Much loved Dad of Grant and Alistair. Dear father-in-law to Muriel and Rosie. Devoted Pa to James, Lauren and Sapphire.

Bill will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday, 11th April at 10.00am. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Bill are gratefully received in favour of Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries to: Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Road, Ainsdale, Southport PR8 3HS. Tel: 01704 575282

**MALAMOUTSIS
PERIKLIS**

28th March 2022
Aged 78 Years

Died peacefully after a short illness with his family by his side.

Beloved Husband of Denise. Much loved Dad of John, Rigas and Father-in-law to Anna and Alayna. Cherished Grandad of Maximos, Emily, Elisabeth and Jacob. Loving Brother-in-law to Sandy and Gary. Periklis will be greatly missed by all his family and friends here and in Greece.

Funeral service to take place at Orthodox Church of the Holy Apostles, Leyland on Wednesday 13th April at 11:00am followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please.

Further enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR, Tel: 01704 500086.

**CLAXTON
CHRISTOPHER
PHILLIP
ROBERT**

28th March 2022
Aged 66 Years

Died peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Loving son of the late Sarah. Much loved brother of Alison, Stephen and the late Mike. Brother-in-law to Robert and Maxine. Cherished uncle to all his nieces and nephews. Chris will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service to take place at St Johns Anglican Church, Ainsdale on Tuesday 19th April at 11:00am followed by interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery. Family flowers only please but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice.

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR, Tel: 01704 500086.

**GOLDEN
ELSIE
MAVIS**

From Liverpool and Parbold
Passed away peacefully on 11th March 2022
at Stocks Hall Nursing Home
aged 85 years

Devoted Wife to Mike (deceased), Dearly loved Mother to Sarah and Becky and Mother in law to Glyn. Treasured Grandmother to Logan, Lui, Brodie and Beau. Also a dear Sister, Sister in law, Aunt and friend.

Funeral service to take place at Our Lady and All Saints RC Church, Parbold on 11th April 2022 at 10:30 am followed by burial at Our Lady and All Saints cemetery. Family flowers only please.

Donations, if so desired, will be gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice, Southport.

All enquiries c/o Cookson Tyre Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, L40 5UU Tel: 01704 897770

**PIMLOTT
LORNA
SUSAN**

Passed away after a short illness, in Elm House Nursing Home surrounded by her family
Aged 76 years

Beloved wife of the late John Pimrott. Much loved and loving mum to Lee and Helen and dear Mother-In Law to Jane and John. Cherished Grandma to Laura, James and Joshua and Great Granny to Ted, Martha and Benjamin. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service and committal to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 11th April at 12 noon. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired can be made to Queenscourt Hospice.

Donations and further enquiries please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

**TALGAM
BEATRICE**

Passed away peacefully on 28th March 2022
Aged 86 years

Devoted and much loved mother of Michelle. Beloved wife of late husband Neville.

Your life was a blessing. Your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Requiem Mass to take place at St. Mary's Church, Little Crosby on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 1.00 pm followed by burial at Birkdale Cemetery at 2.30 pm.

Family Flowers only please.

Donations will be gratefully received for The Hospice of the Good Shepherd, Chester.

Further enquiries to: The Co-Operative Funeralcare, 50-52 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SG

Where Beatrice will be resting.
Tel 0151 924 9530

**BROWN
NORMAN**

23rd March 2022
Aged 87 Years

The time has come to be reunited with his beloved Dorothy after such a long time apart.

Dad went with our love and blessings knowing that he will remain in our hearts, thoughts and memories forever.

Beloved Father to Christine, Lynda and Julie. Grandfather to Kevin, Ashley, David, Rhiannon, Andrew and Daniel.

Thank you for staying with us, loving and caring for us for all these years.

Finally at peace, goodnight and god bless.

Funeral service and cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 12.45 pm.

Family flowers only please but donations, if required for Cancer Research UK.

All further enquiries c/o Andrew Roughley Independent Funeral Directors

13-14 Central Square Maghull, L31 0AE

Tel 0151 4338820

**COLLUM
HUGH**

26th March 2022
Peacefully, in hospital
aged 86 years

Passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family

On 27th March 2022
Aged 82 years

Devoted Husband to Eunice. Loving Dad, Granddad, Father in Law and Brother in Law. Hugh will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Service at Ainsdale Methodist Church on Tuesday 19th April at 1pm, followed by family committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Queenscourt Hospice, Southport.

Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Rd, Ainsdale, Southport PR8 3HS, Tel 01704 575282.

**UNSWORTH
BRIAN**

26th March 2022
Peacefully, in hospital
aged 86 years

Dearly beloved Husband of the late Beryl Unsworth. Much loved Father of Gary and Phillip. Dear Father-in-law of Kate and Tracey.

Loving Grandad to Cloé, James, Callum, Bethany and Jamie and Great-Grandad to Archie and Arthur. Dear Brother of Derek.

Brian will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 14th April 2022 at 11am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Alzheimer's Society and Prostate Cancer UK.

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ. Tel: 01704 212714

**WILLIAMS
DERMOT
JOHN**

on 23rd March 2022
Peacefully in hospital
Aged 74 years

Beloved Husband of the late Christine.

Dermot will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service to take place St. Josephs Church, Birkdale, on Thursday 28th April 2022 at 1pm. Followed by the committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only by request. Donations if so desired can be made to British Lung Foundation

Donations and further enquiries please to, M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

**HODGE
MYRA**

on 25th March 2022
suddenly at home
Aged 79 Years

Loving Wife of John. Devoted Mum of Julie, John, Stephen and Phil (Dec'd). Cherished Nan of all her Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Service to be held on Thursday 14th April 2022 at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough at 10.00am

Family flowers only, donations if desired to www.arthritis.org/ donate

All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

**BLACKBURN
FLORENCE**

Passed away peacefully on 30th March 2022
Aged 91 Years

Will be sadly missed by Daughter Susan, Son David and all her loving family

Funeral Service to be held on Thursday 14th April 2022 at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough at 10.00am

Family flowers only, donations if desired to www.arthritis.org/ donate

All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

**SMITH
EDNA
MAY**

on 29th March 2022
Aged 92 years

It is with great sadness that John announces the death of his beloved Mother. Grandmother of Emily and mother-in-law of Jackie.

Funeral service and committal at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 21st April at 3pm.

Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired, can be made to Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY Telephone 01695 572997

**LEWIS
ROGER
ERNEST**

Born 6th January 1938

Much loved Husband. Dear Father and Grandfather.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Liverpool Road Cemetery on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 11am.

Family flowers only by request please but donations are being gratefully received for Botanic Park Aviaries.

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ. Tel: 01704 212714.

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WALSH DENNIS

Passed away peacefully at Southport Hospital on 22nd March 2022
Aged 88 Years

Loving Husband to Rose, devoted Dad to Antony, Janice and the late Keith & Son in law Jimmy. Much loved Brother and Brother in Law.

Much loved Grandad and Great Grandad Will be sadly missed by all who loved him

Funeral Service to be held on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at St Johns R.C Church, Burscough at 11.00am

Donations in lieu of flowers are being gratefully received to Alzheimer's Research UK

All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors
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JOHN HARVEY RUBIN (DECEASED)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 1 Coppice Close, Woodley, Stockport, SK6 1JH, who died on 06/08/2021, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 07/06/2022, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (RUFF LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE) (ROAD HUMPS)

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th March 2022 the above proposal, reference LSG4.AFR.894.14638 was advertised in the Ormskirk Champion in error. This consultation is not currently taking place.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
06 April 2022

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (C104 ROSEMARY LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C104 Rosemary Lane, Downholland from a point 275m North West of its junction with U965 Plex Lane, Halsall for a distance of 380m in a North Westerly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Wednesday 20th April 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access for residents will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C104 Rosemary Lane, Downholland - C115 Bye Lane, Downholland - B5195 Broad Lane, Downholland - A5147 Delf Lane, Downholland and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow pole testing as part of safety programme to be carried out by Sunbelt Rentals UK on behalf of BT.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRIT/35114/EW]

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (C161 BEACON LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C161 Beacon Lane, Dalton from U1168 Long Heys Lane, Dalton to U4244 Crow Lane, Dalton.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 25th April 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access for residents and emergency services will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C161 Beacon Lane, Dalton - U3221 Beacon Lane, Newburgh - U3219 Whalley's Road, Skelmersdale - U622 Ashurst Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Houghton Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Stannanought Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Windmill Road, Up Holland - A577 Newgate Road, Up Holland - A577 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland - C161 Mill Lane, Up Holland - C161 Beacon Lane, Dalton and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the inspection of telephone poles as part of a safety programme to be carried out by Sunbelt Rentals UK on behalf of BT.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager
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[Ref: HRIT/35276/EW]

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LEGAL NOTICES

MICHAEL BARROW (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 26 Brackenway, Formby, Merseyside, L37 7HG, who died on 05/09/2021, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 08/06/2022, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

MAXWELL HODGE,
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Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
06 April 2022

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (C104 ROSEMARY LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C104 Rosemary Lane, Downholland from a point 275m North West of its junction with U965 Plex Lane, Halsall for a distance of 380m in a North Westerly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Wednesday 20th April 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access for residents will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C104 Rosemary Lane, Downholland - C115 Bye Lane, Downholland - B5195 Broad Lane, Downholland - A5147 Delf Lane, Downholland and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the deconstruction and rebuilding of a brick wall to be carried out by Hawthorn Estates NW Ltd in conjunction with Dutton Traffic Management.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRIT/35533/EW]

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (C161 BEACON LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C161 Beacon Lane, Dalton from U1168 Long Heys Lane, Dalton to U4244 Crow Lane, Dalton.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 25th April 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access for residents and emergency services will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C161 Beacon Lane, Dalton - U3221 Beacon Lane, Newburgh - U3219 Whalley's Road, Skelmersdale - U622 Ashurst Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Houghton Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Stannanought Road, Skelmersdale - A577 Windmill Road, Up Holland - A577 Newgate Road, Up Holland - A577 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland - C161 Mill Lane, Up Holland - C161 Beacon Lane, Dalton and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the inspection of telephone poles as part of a safety programme to be carried out by Sunbelt Rentals UK on behalf of BT.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRIT/35276/EW]

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(B5240 HALL LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom from C160 Spa Lane, Lathom to U5290 Hobcross Lane, Lathom.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0900 hours and 1500 hours from Tuesday 19th April 2022 until Friday 22nd April 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom - A5209 Briars Lane, Lathom - A5209 Briars Lane, Burscough - A5209 Square Lane, Burscough - A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough - A59 High Lane, Ormskirk - A59 County Road, Ormskirk - B5197 Aughton Street, Ormskirk - A570 Park Road, Ormskirk - A577 St Helens Road, North of Park Road - A577 Moor Street, Ormskirk - A577 Wigan Road, Ormskirk - A577 Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk - A577 Crosshall Brow, Westhead - A577 Wigan Road, Westhead - A577 Wigan Road, Lathom - B5240 Plough Lane, Lathom and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow surface dressing patching works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council - Capital Highways.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRIT/34285/EW]

Lancashire County Council

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (C135 BESCAR LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C135 Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick from a point 60m North East of its junction with U284 Hillcrest Drive, Scarisbrick for a distance of 60m in a North Easterly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0930 hours and 1500 hours from Monday 25th April 2022 until Friday 29th April 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access for residents when the closure is in place each day will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5242 Hall Road, Scarisbrick - B5242 Dam Wood Lane, Scarisbrick - C134 Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the deconstruction and rebuilding of a brick wall to be carried out by Hawthorn Estates NW Ltd in conjunction with Dutton Traffic Management.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRIT/35533/EW]

Lancashire County Council

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (WEST LANCASHIRE SPRING TRIATHLON EVENT, WESTHEAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") have made an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the event) from proceeding over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire, as set out below:

i. School Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Whiteley's Lane

ii. Ruff Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Scarth Hill Lane

iii. Whiteley's Lane from its junction with Scarth Hill Lane to its junction with A577 Wigan Road (Lathom)

iv. Vicarage Lane in a North East and Easterly direction from its junction with Ruff Lane to its junction with School Lane</p

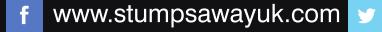
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LOTUS excels at lightening things. Including, I suspect, this week's Champion, as those of you offended at it launching a crossover simply rip out this page in disgust and chuck it straight in the bin without even reading the rest of this week's column.

It's fair to say the new Eletre, revealed to the public over the past week, has raised a few eyebrows. The chaps in Norfolk call it a "hyper-SUV" - and by that they mean it's a go-faster family wagon with Lamborghini Urus-troubling levels of performance, and emphatically not an off-roader that's going to give anyone at Land Rover sleepless nights.

On first impressions I rather like it. Lotus have managed to make it look just enough like the Evija supercar without ruining the rest of the package - as opposed to Porsche, whose original Cayenne looked like a 911 badly described over a phone call. It'll go like a Lotus too - it'll crack 60mph in less than three seconds, and thanks to trick aerodynamics and copious amounts of aluminium and carbon fibre in its construction, it should handle like one too. Even Grant Shapps is going to enjoy the Eletre, as it's all-electric, can be charged up in 20 minutes, and will whisk you 248 miles before asking for a top-up.

But for some it was all too much, if the sheer weight of opinion from online enthusiasts was anything to go by. Colin Chapman, spinning grave, etc, etc. Forget the fact that Lamborghini, Bentley, Rolls-Royce, Maserati and Jaguar all make SUVs, and one from Ferrari isn't far off - for Lotus to do one is a step too far. And just to add insult to injury, it's not even going to be made in Britain - it's going to be made in Wuhan, the Chinese city best known for COVID-19.

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Clearly a Lotus SUV is a big ask, but the important thing is that when it does go on sale (and no, there's no word on price yet) is that you buy one. And so do you - yes, you, the person reading The Champion over the shoulder of the person holding it. In fact, tell everyone you know that they simply MUST buy an Eletre, regardless of whether they can afford one or not.

SUVs, whether you love them or loathe them, are the cash cows for virtually every carmaker right now, and without the Eletre there probably won't be any proper sports cars from Lotus further down the line either. The same goes for Lamborghini's Urus - we need people to buy them because otherwise we won't have any more Aventadors, and equally Jaguar needs to shoehorn as many I-Paces into its showrooms because otherwise it won't be able to bankroll any more sports cars. The Eletre could have been terrible, and it still would've been crucial to the future of Lotus.

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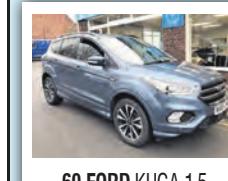
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